



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

# NEWSLETTER

## FROM THE HEADTEACHER

It seems incredible that we have already reached half term, after what has been another very full week here at St Mary's.

This week has been Art Week and all the children have been using their skills of creativity during the course of the week to produce different forms of Art and we are very much looking forward to sharing these with parents and carers at the end of today when we open up our Class Art Galleries. For some time now we have wanted to invite parents and carers in to see what the children are doing in class and we hope this initiative will be the first of many of those occasions.

Year 6 now have their SATs tests behind them and as we break for half term, I would encourage the Year 4 parents and carers to continue to work with their children on their times tables in preparation for the Multiplication Tables Check which is taking place in the week after half term.

Today we have held another Own Clothes Day and thank you to everyone who has donated bottles for our Summer Fayre and please do make sure that you have the date of Saturday 22nd June in your diary: a great deal of hard work is going into making the Summer Fayre a success and we hope that many of our families will attend to enjoy the day.

One disappointing thing this week is that only one class has achieved more than 90% attendance. High levels of attendance are really important and, after some really good weeks this half term, we must do better again in the second half of this term.

We are now very much entering the transition phase of the school year and we are busy preparing to work with the local secondary schools as we support our Year 6s as they get ready to move to their new schools in September. At the other end of the school, we have also sent the letters out this week to our new Reception parents for September, detailing the events we are holding in the second half of term, as they begin their transition to St Mary's. These changes that are ahead can appear both exciting and daunting at the same time, but our focus is to ensure that all these transitions are as smooth as possible.

As we break up for half term, I would like to share one piece of exciting news, as we offer our congratulations and very best wishes to Miss Garip as she gets married.

Concluding this half term, where our half termly value has been creativity, with our Art Week has been very fitting and I leave you with a quote from the French painter, Henri Matisse:

*"Don't wait for inspiration. It comes while working."*

Have a great half term.

**Adrian Petty**

**Headteacher**

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*Flourish for the future*

Our value this half term is:

# Creativity



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# HOUSEPOINTS



I am pleased to report that House Points this week were as follows:

**99**



**73**



**78**



**83**



**Well done Badgers!**

Running Totals:

**720**

**548**

**539**

**719**

## STARS OF THE WEEK

The following children were nominated by the TAs for good manners and joined Mr Petty on the Star Table.

Reception - Callie

Year 1 - Marc

Year 2 - Harrison

Year 3 - Binudi

Year 4 - Jessica

Year 5 - Kimia

Year 6 - Sophie

Weekly Teacher Nominations this week were:-

Reception - Nikita

Year 1 - Robert

Year 2 - Hayden

Year 3 - Aram

Year 4 - JoJo

Year 5 - David M

Year 6 - Moni & Tomiwa

Congratulations to all these children.

## ATTENDANCE STARS

Luther King

95.4%



# SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
Friday 24th May	Class Art Galleries Open—2.30pm
27th May—31st May	Half Term
Tuesday 11th June	Parents' Evening—Remote 4:30pm till 7pm
Wednesday 12th June	Parents' Evening—In person 3:30pm till 5:30pm
Friday 14th June	PTA Father's Day Sale
Tuesday 18th June	Whole School Book Swap at The Memorial Hall
Saturday 22nd June	Summer Fayre 12pm till 4pm
Wednesday 26th June	Hatfield School District Athletics
Wednesday 3rd July	Sports Day—12:30pm till 3:00pm
Thursday 4th July	Year 6 trip to Stanborough Water Park
Tuesday 9th July	Sports Day reserve date in case of bad weather
Thursday 11th July	Transition Day
Tuesday 23rd July	End of Term service—10am St Mary's Church
Tuesday 23rd July	End of Term— School ends 1:45pm
Monday 2nd September	Inset Day—School Closed
Tuesday 3rd September	Inset Day—School Closed
Wednesday 4th September	Term Starts—Children back at 8:40am

## PTA

Thank you for all the donations of bottles for the tombola. We have had lots of raffle books returned already and have plenty of time for more to be sold.

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We are a welcoming Christian community where every child has the chance to flourish.

We bring and share joy, inspire daily and creatively equip children for the future.

We're thankful for all that God has provided; proud of where He has placed us; and excited at the potential to come.

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The Katherine Johnson Award for  
**Creativity**



*"Overflowing with thankfulness,  
inspiration and joy"*

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as though you were working for the Lord and not for human beings. (Colossians 3:23)

## Prayer of the Week

In our art be exalted, God

In invention be honoured

In making and marketing,

coding and creating,

designing and delivering,

Be praised!

Amen

## Reception - Elizabeth

This week, Reception have spent their final week learning about minibeasts, with a particular focus on slugs and snails. They have enjoyed listening to the story 'Norman the Slug with the Silly Shell' by Sue Hendra. Afterwards, they explored a variety of objects, writing a sentence to describe why they were suitable or unsuitable for a shell. During Busy Fingers, the children have enjoyed cutting out spirals, painting spirals and using paint to fingerprint a pattern on snail shell templates. And, finally, the children have learnt lots of information about slugs and snails this week. Did you know that the underside of a snail's body is called a foot or that both slugs and snails are nocturnal?



## Year 1 - Curie

Where have the past 6 weeks gone! We have been so busy in Curie Class that they seem to have flown by! This week in English, we have been writing questions to interview the 'Hungry Lion' from our story book. We then drew story maps using the story as an outline and changed the characters to write our own stories. We have stories about 'hungry lizards', 'hungry caterpillars' and 'hungry chickens'! The children have really been creative with their version of the story and have produced some wonderful writing. In Science, we have continued to find out about plants and what they need to grow. We have been very busy looking after our grass and daisy gardens, that we have grown from seed, and were very excited to take them home to continue to look after them. For Art week, we have been looking at the work of the artist 'Lowry' and have had fun colour mixing with the 5 colours that he used in his paintings. We have then thought very carefully about what our faces look like and have created our own self portraits. We hope you have a restful half term and look forward to seeing you on 3rd June.



## Year 2 - Hawking

The class were excited to do their portraits in the Art lesson, based on the famous artist, David Hockney. They first explored the artists techniques and had a go at interpreting and filling in the gaps of a picture using lines and shapes. In the next phase, the class were introduced to different marking techniques using a broad range of mediums, such as pastels, felt pens, charcoal etc and experimented in their sketch books with shadings, textures and line designs. They completed the lesson utilising all the skills and techniques learnt, to draw their portraits in the style of David Hockney. They cannot wait to show off their work.

In Maths, we have been focusing on dividing by 2. We have been using picture objects to work out how many groups there are altogether, how many items are in each group and looking at the differences between grouping and sharing.

In English, we have started a new book called Grandad's camper. Our first lesson focussed on discussing campervans and looked at items that the story book character cherished as a memory box. We used sentence strips to predict what adventures Grandad would have been on with each item. E.g. for a bucket and spade, I predict that Grandad went to the beach in his campervan because there was a bucket and spade.

In Music, we have been learning about the friendship song and have engaged with clapping time to the pulse of the music, the braver ones even showing off their dance moves to the beat! We have been learning the verses and chorus, which is sounding exceptionally beautiful. An impressive effort from the whole class.



## Year 3 - Mandela

In amongst our hard work this week, we have been so excited as our teacher, Miss Garip is getting married. We wish her so much luck for the day and the future with her new husband.

*I hope she has a good day and has lots of fun—David*

*I really hope you had a lovely time, you looked beautiful in your dress—Nancy*

*Congratulations, when you showed me your dress, it looked amazing—Lily*

*Miss Garip, I hope you had a lovely day and I hope you'll be really happy—Daisy*

*I'm happy you had your wedding and I wish you the best of luck, congrats! - Raphael*



## Year 4 - Attenborough

It has been a very busy and productive half term in Attenborough Class! This week in English we have started our new book 'The Baker by the Sea' the children were all been given 'jobs' and have created advertisements for these. The class finished their Frindleswylde Returns writing and I am so proud of how much effort they all put in. In Maths, we finished our decimals unit, and did a lesson on Roman numerals. This week our afternoon focus has been on portrait week. The artist we have been looking at was Mary Cassatt. The children have practised different water colour techniques and found out about her life and paintings. All the class have put a lot of effort into their self-portraits and are very excited to show them off. Remember it is very important for your child to practise their times tables ahead of the MTC check after half term. I hope everyone has a wonderful half term and I look forward to an exciting last half term before the summer holidays begin.



## Year 5 - Luther King

This week in Year 5 we have been studying tables in statistics, where we have learnt to read and plot graphs.

In English we have continued looking at nature for inspiration by writing poems about an iguana being chased by snakes. We worked as a class to generate a bank of vocabulary that we were able to incorporate into our poems – they turned out amazing!

In History, we have been learning about Ancient Greece and how it still effects our lives today. We looked at democracy, Maths and the Olympics as well as many more.

Our main focus this week has been portrait week in Art. We have looked at Kehinde Wiley's fantastic portraits and on Thursday we drew our own self-portraits in his style. We hope you enjoyed coming in to school to look at them.



## Year 6 - Goodall

This week in Year 6 Goodall, it's all been about unleashing your inner artist! It's Art Week, and the class has been diving deep into the world of the famous portrait artist Frida Kahlo. By exploring symbolism in her work, the children have been inspired to create their own masterpieces. On Friday, the classroom transformed into a gallery, showcasing these amazing portraits – a true testament to their creativity!

Looking ahead, there's a bittersweet buzz in the air as Year 6 Goodall starts to prepare for their final half term in primary school. To help ease the transition to secondary school, the class welcomed some special visitors who talked all about the importance of friendships. Lots more transition work will be coming up in the weeks ahead.

On another exciting note, letters have landed regarding the upcoming trip to Stanborough Lake! Don't forget to return those permission slips to the office by Friday, June 7th, so you can secure your spot on this fantastic water sports adventure.

Have a great half term break!



## CLASS PE DAYS

<b>Elizabeth</b>	Tuesdays & Wednesdays	Indoors & Outdoors
<b>Curie</b>	Tuesdays & Thursdays	Indoors & Outdoors
<b>Hawking</b>	Wednesdays & Thursdays	Outdoors & Indoors
<b>Mandela</b>	Mondays & Wednesdays	Swimming & Outdoors
<b>Attenborough</b>	Tuesdays & Fridays	Swimming & Outdoors
<b>Luther King</b>	Mondays & Wednesdays	Outdoors & Indoors
<b>Goodall</b>	Mondays & Fridays	Indoors & Outdoors

# St Mary's School

# SUMMER FETE



£1  
entry

Family fun  
for everyone

All proceeds will be going  
towards new climbing frame /  
playground equipment

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June  
12-4PM

**BBQ**

**Refreshments**

**Fire engine & Police cars**

**Raffle & Tombola**

**Bouncy castles & inflatable obstacle course\***

**Beat the goalie**

**And much more**

\*Unlimited use of inflatables with £10 wristbands which includes free entry to fete for children

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